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THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR!

UNDERDOG™ 1975 IS HERE!

"THE RUBBER DUCK" and "DOG'S WORST ENEMY"

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The Underdog cartoon was a staple of Saturday morning children's television programming in the '60s and '70s. Kids would race from their beds to watch the rhyming super hero and his pals. And of course, there were comics that continued Underdog's many adventures. In 1975 after Underdog's run on syndicated television ended, Gold Key Comics started publishing brand new adventures in a series that would run 23 issues, ending in 1979. To this day, those comics are some of the most wonderful kids' books ever published.

Now, let's flash-forward to the year 2017. American Mythology has picked up the torch from Charlton and Gold Key Comics by creating all-new Underdog stories. We really love making this series because we grew up on the cartoons, and hearing "There's no need to fear, Underdog is here!" elicits wonderful memories for us. You can't imagine our joy when we found out that there were two original stories from that Gold Key run nearly forty years ago that were never published. We had to bring these long lost Underdog stories to life, and thus *Underdog 1975* was born!

Enjoy these classic stories which would have been in Underdog #24 had it been published way back in 1979, along with a selection of wonderful reprints from Underdog #23 which was the last issue released in its historic run... Until now!

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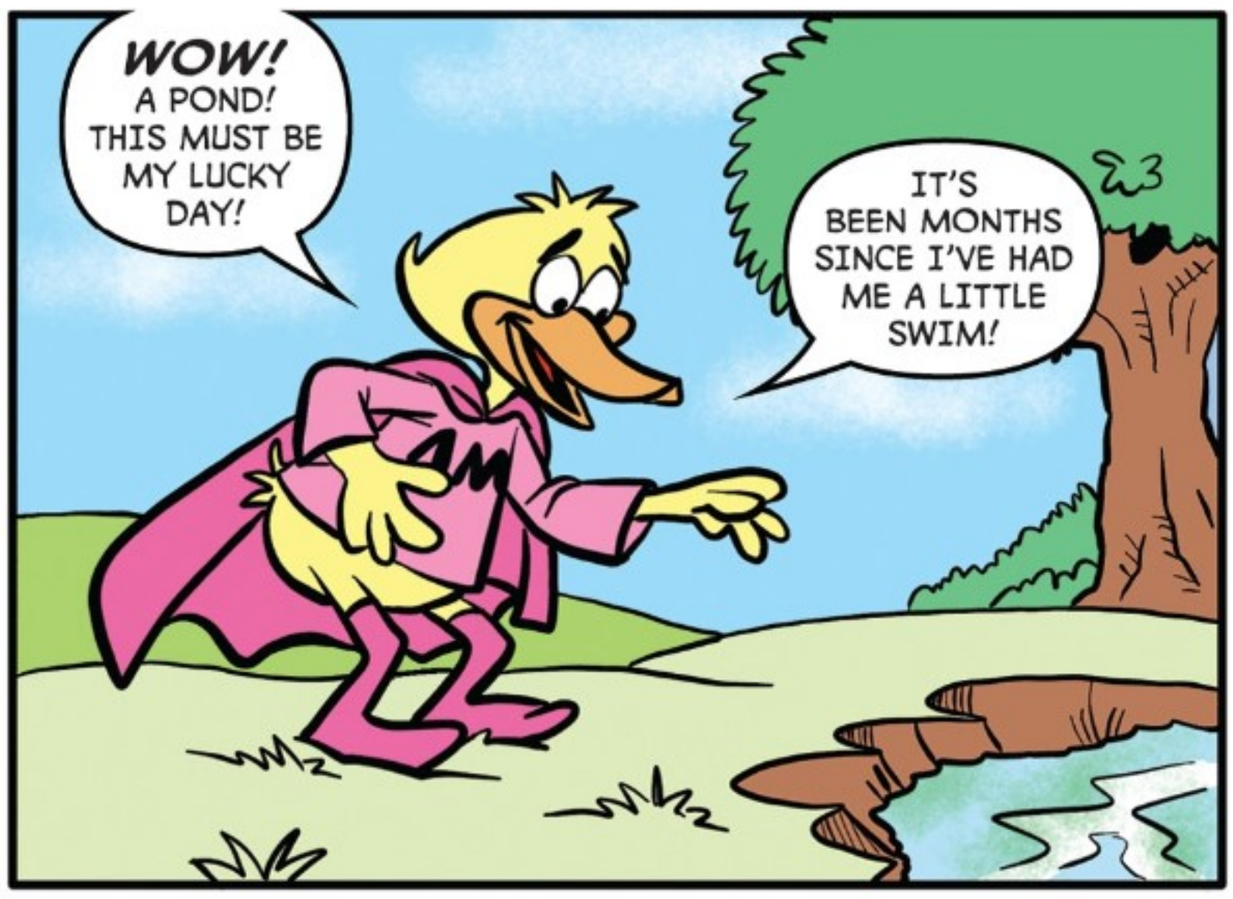
"THE RUBBER DUCK"

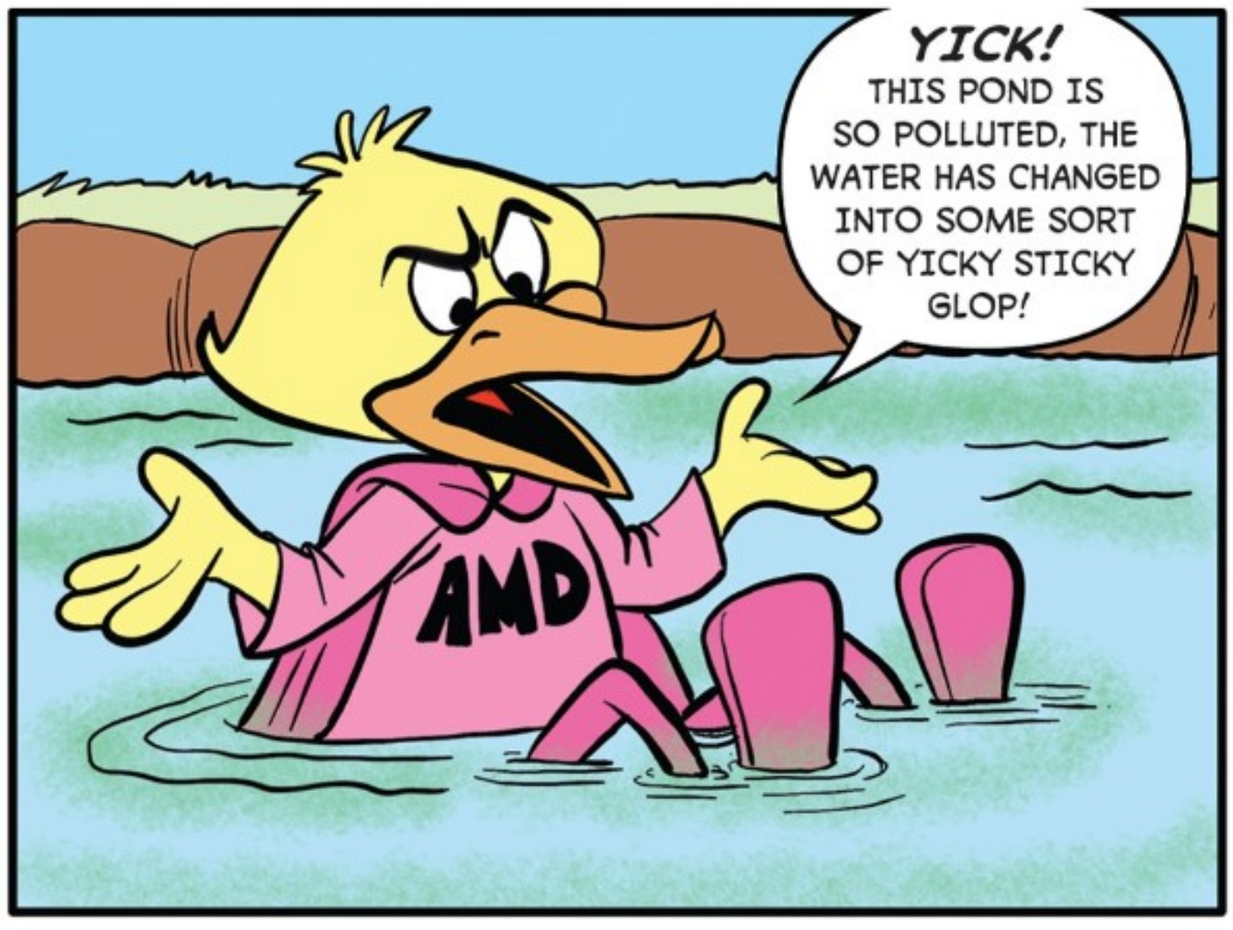
OUR TALE BEGINS WITH A PRISON BREAK...

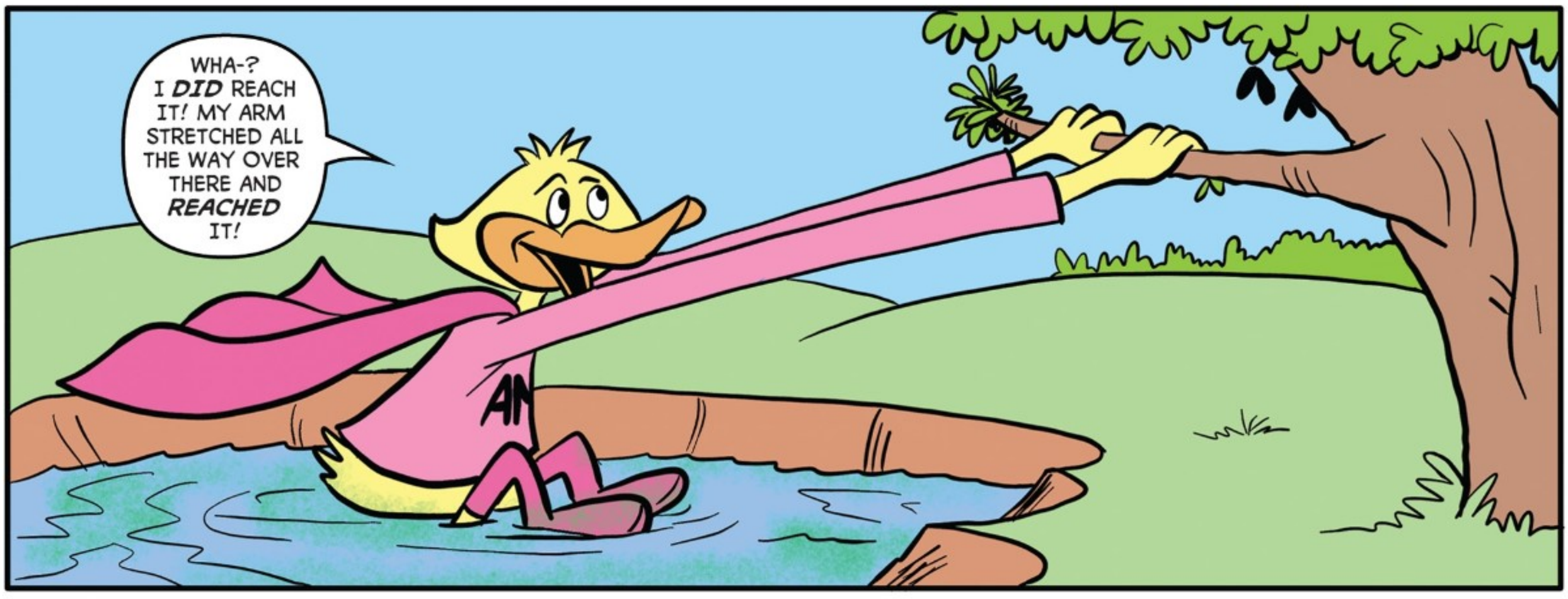
YA-HA-HA!

I'M FREE! I'M FREE!

NO CRUMMY PRISON CAN HOLD THE ALL-MIGHTY DUCK! NOT FOR LONG ANYWAY!

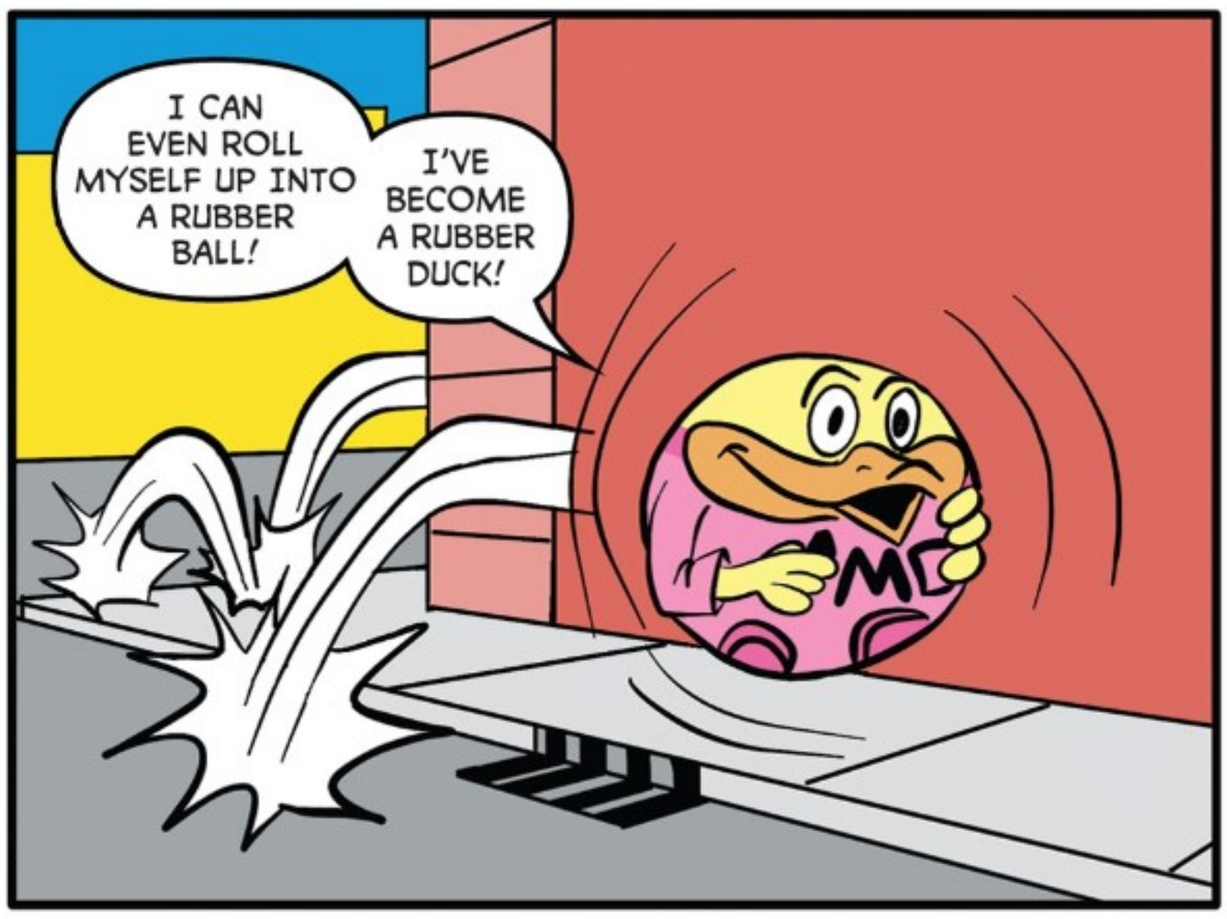





WHA-? I DID REACH IT! MY ARM STRETCHED ALL THE WAY OVER THERE AND REACHED IT!

THAT POLLUTED WATER MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO MY LITTLE DUCK BODY!
I'VE BECOME ELASTIC!

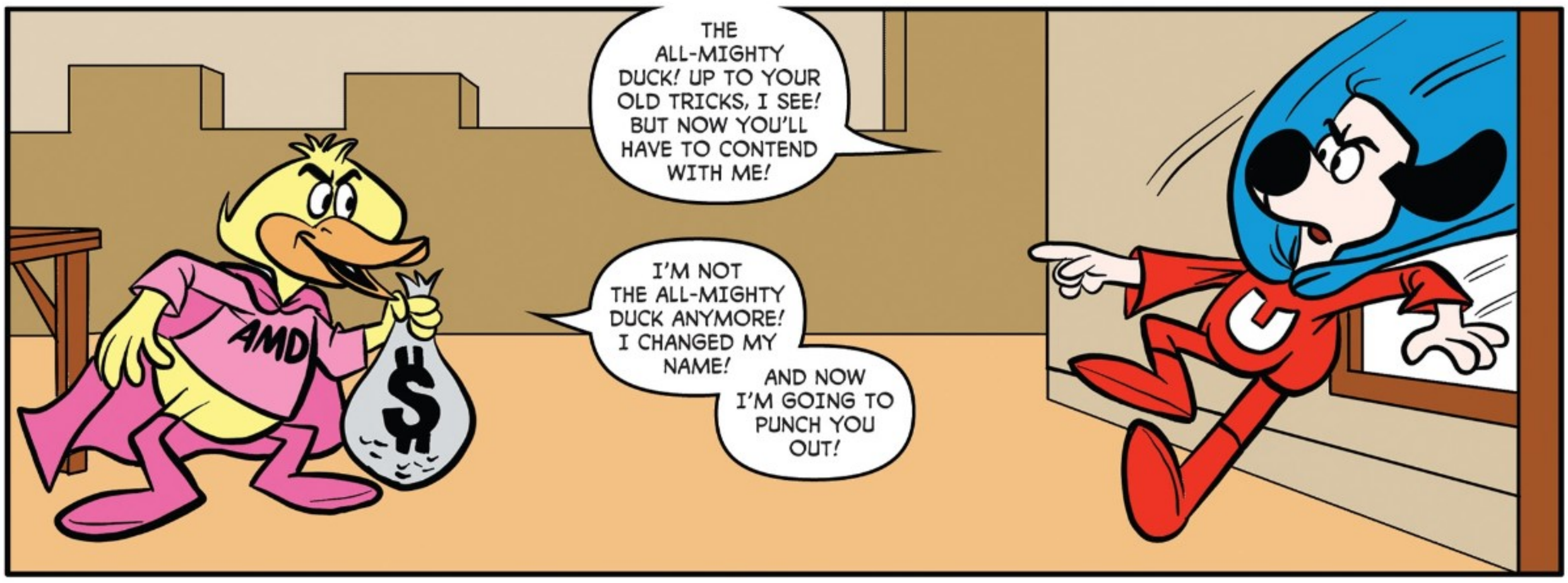
I CAN STRETCH MY FACE WAY OUT OF SHAPE!

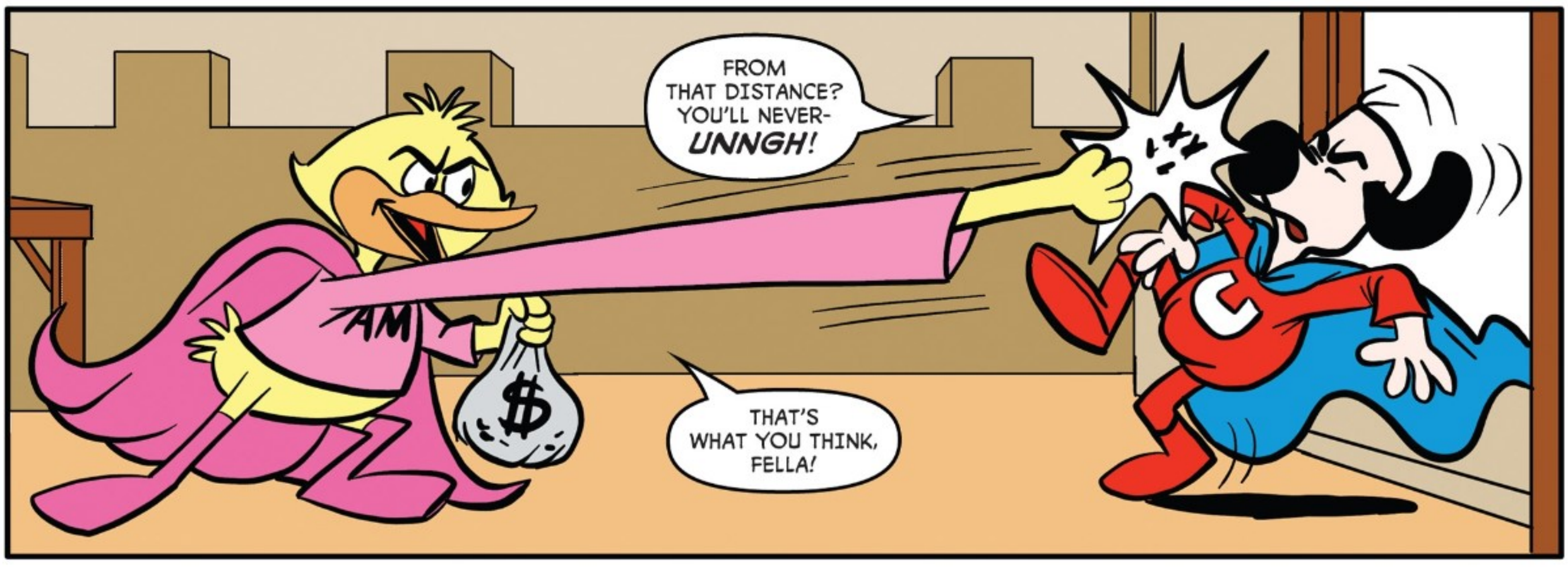

I CAN EVEN ROLL MYSELF UP INTO A RUBBER BALL!
I'VE BECOME A RUBBER DUCK!

PRESENTLY...
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! I'M THE RUBBER DUCK AND I WANT YOU TO STICK 'EM UP!
WHA-?

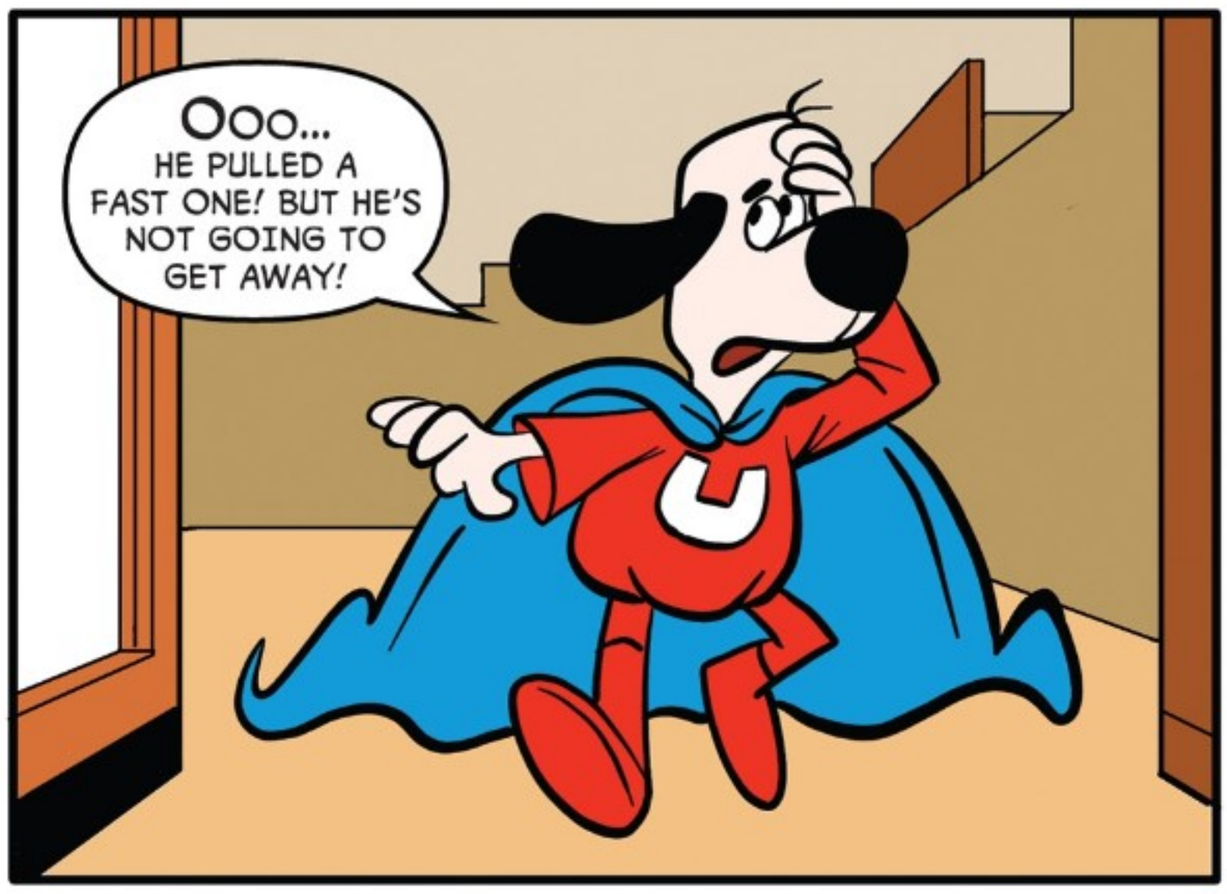
HELP, UNDERDOG! HELP! HELP!
UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S SOME TROUBLE NEARBY!

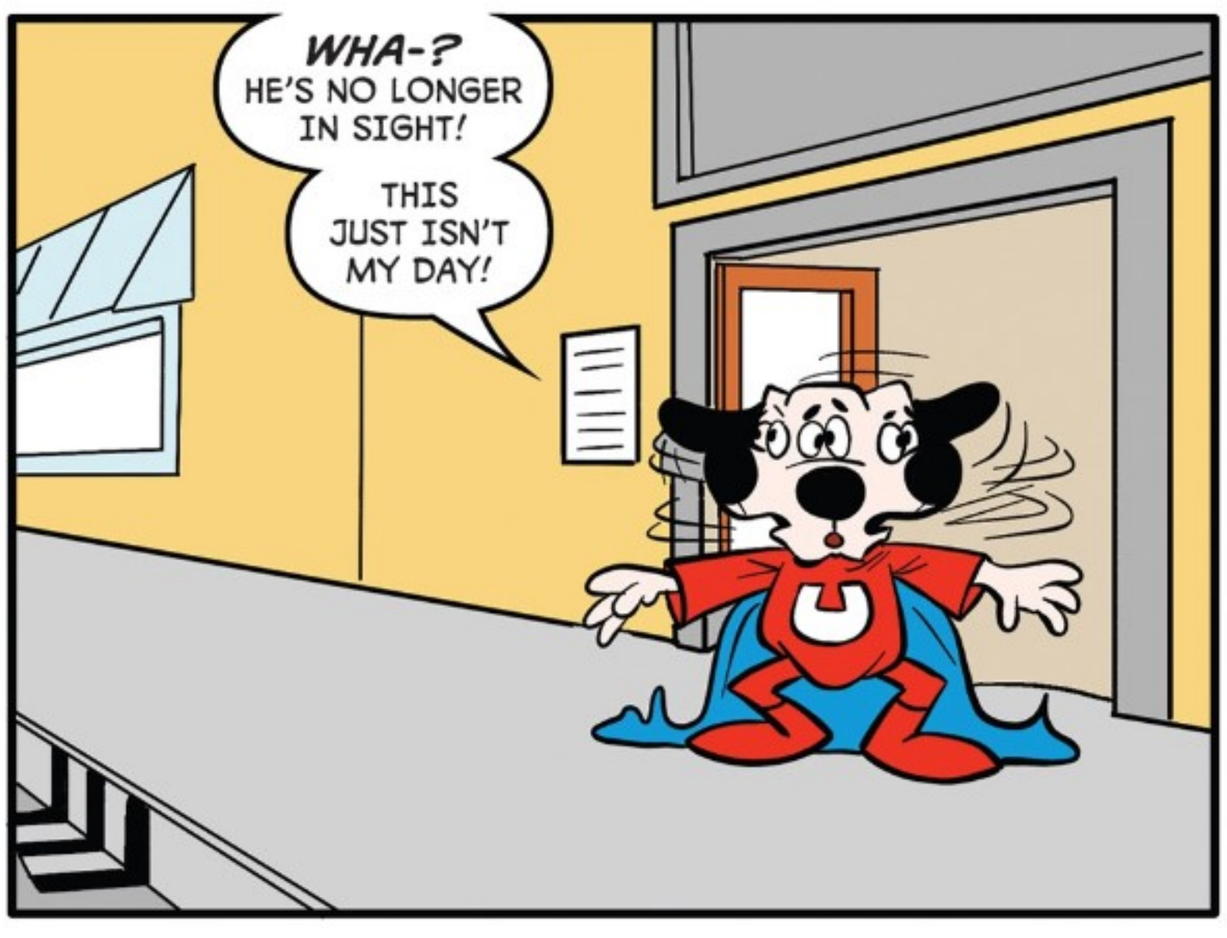
AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO FLY!


THE ALL-MIGHTY DUCK! UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS, I SEE! BUT NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH ME!
I'M NOT THE ALL-MIGHTY DUCK ANYMORE! I CHANGED MY NAME!
AND NOW I'M GOING TO PUNCH YOU OUT!


FROM THAT DISTANCE? YOU'LL NEVER- UNNGH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, FELLA!

HA! I CAUGHT HIM BY SURPRISE!
AND NOW TO BOUNCE OUT OF HERE!


OOO... HE PULLED A FAST ONE! BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO GET AWAY!


WHA-? HE'S NO LONGER IN SIGHT!
THIS JUST ISN'T MY DAY!

BUT HOW WAS HE ABLE TO STRETCH LIKE THAT?
HE'S DEVELOPED SOME NEW POWER, I GUESS!

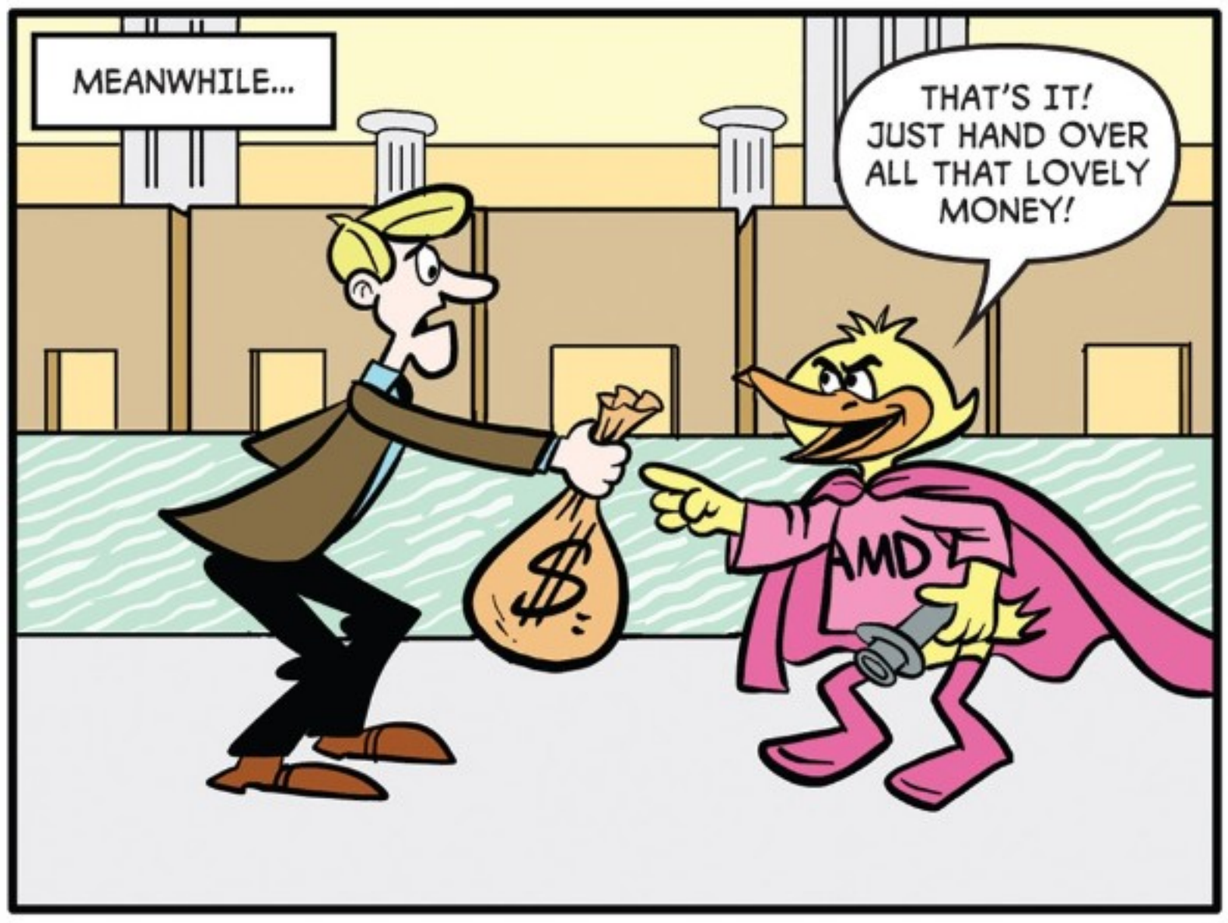
NOW, I'VE GOT TO FIGURE SOME WAY TO DEFEAT THAT DUCK!
WOW! THIS CERTAINLY IS A MESS!

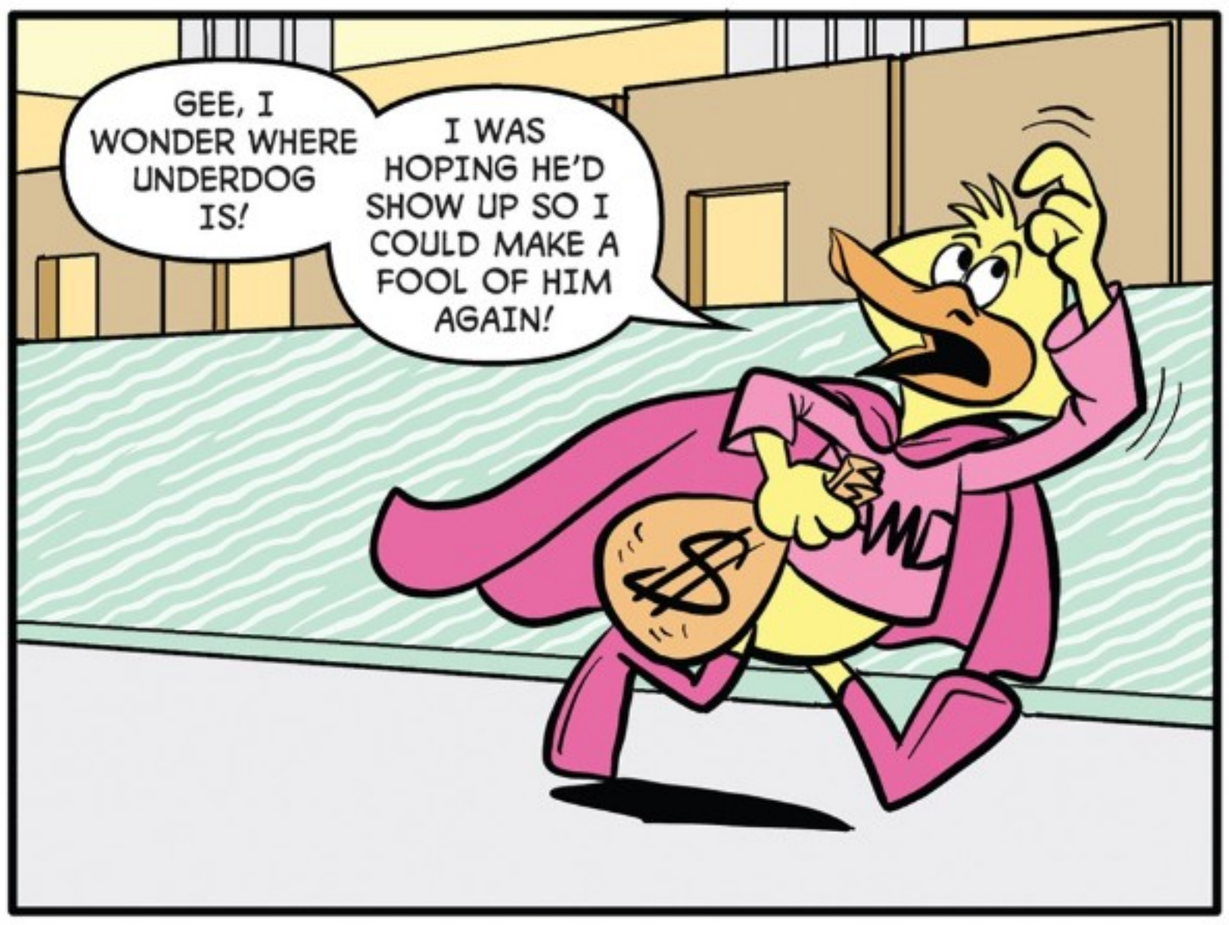
WAIT A MINUTE! I'VE GOT A PLAN, AND IT JUST MIGHT WORK!
NEXT TIME I'LL TURN THE TABLES, AND HE'LL LOOK LIKE THE JERK!

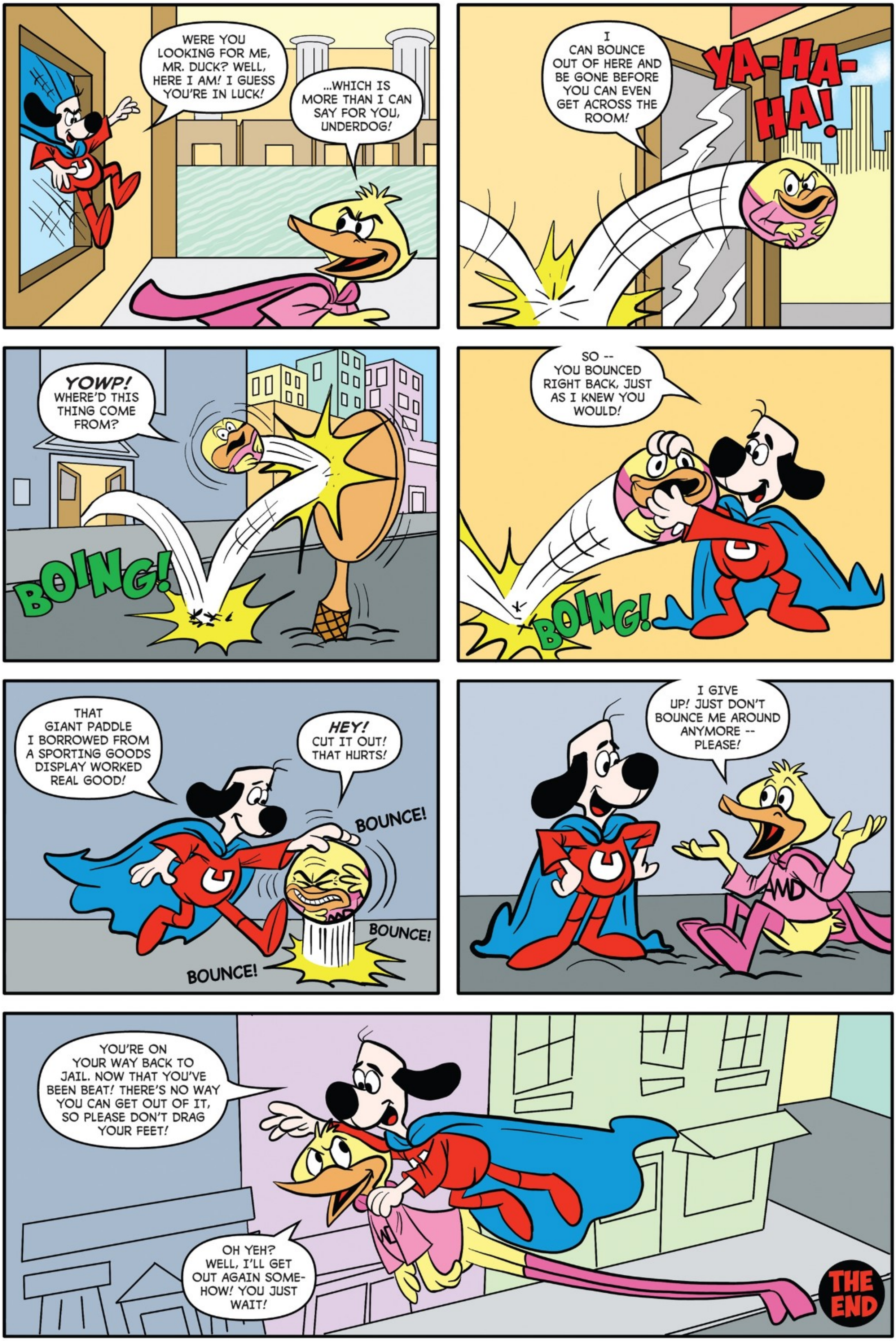
HELP, UNDERDOG! HELP! HELP!
WHEW! SOUNDS LIKE I CAME UP WITH MY PLAN JUST IN TIME!

ALREADY THAT RUBBER DUCK IS COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME!

BEFORE I CAN SHOW UP AT THE BANK, I'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE TO DO SO I'D BETTER MOVE FAST!
THIS MAY NOT BE THAT DUCK'S FIRST CRIME, BUT I PLAN TO MAKE IT HIS LAST!


MEANWHILE...
THAT'S IT! JUST HAND OVER ALL THAT LOVELY MONEY!

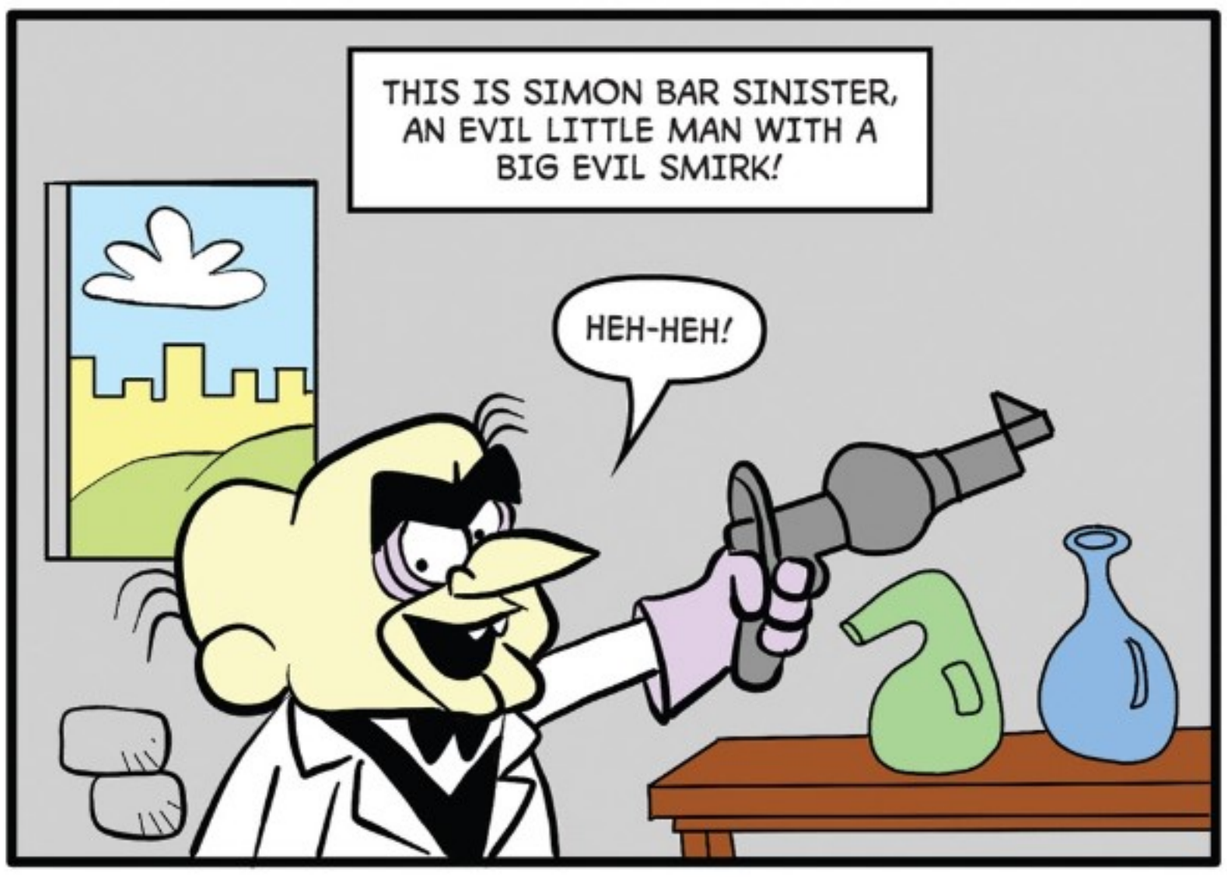

GEE, I WONDER WHERE UNDERDOG IS!
I WAS HOPING HE'D SHOW UP SO I COULD MAKE A FOOL OF HIM AGAIN!

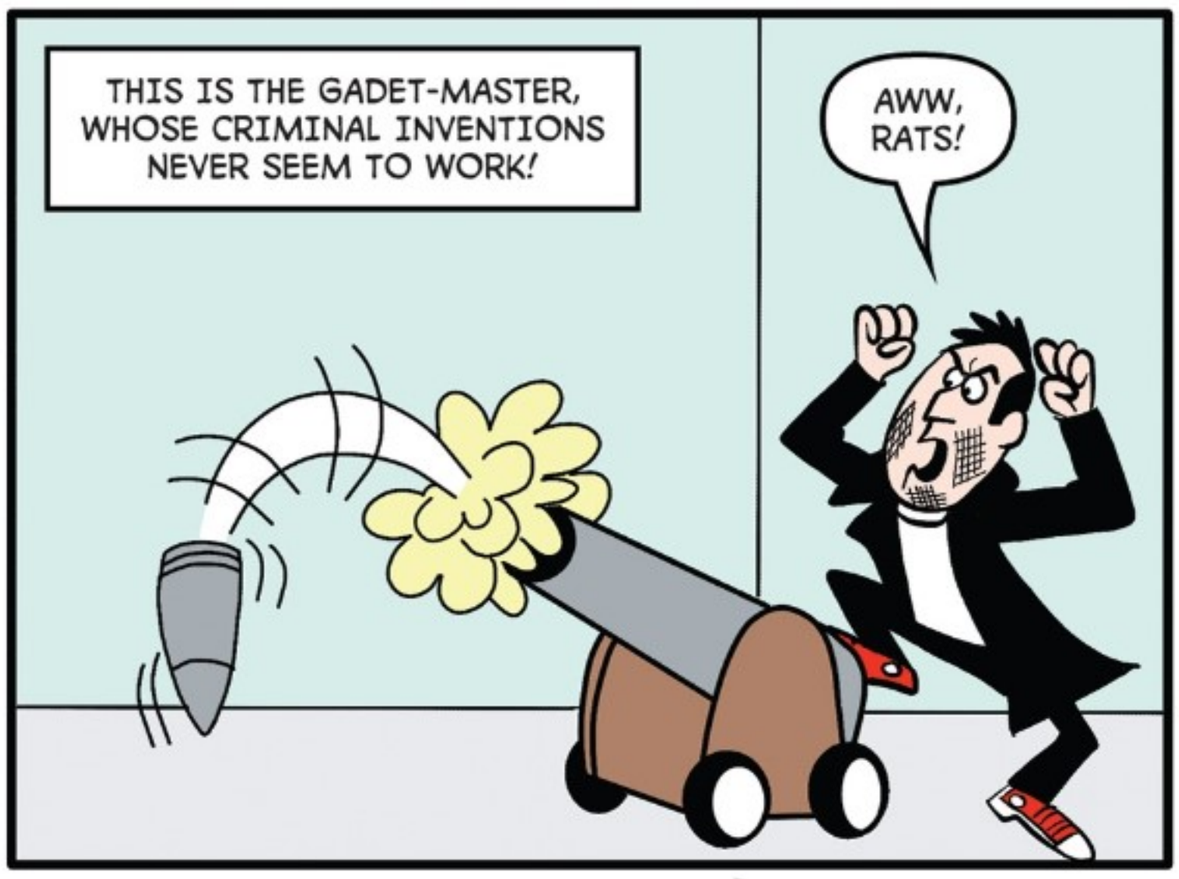

WERE YOU LOOKING FOR ME, MR. DUCK? WELL, HERE I AM! I GUESS YOU'RE IN LUCK!
...WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR YOU, UNDERDOG!
I CAN BOUNCE OUT OF HERE AND BE GONE BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN GET ACROSS THE ROOM!
YA-HA-HA!
YOWP! WHERE'D THIS THING COME FROM?
BOING!
SO -- YOU BOUNCED RIGHT BACK, JUST AS I KNEW YOU WOULD!
BOING!
THAT GIANT PADDLE I BORROWED FROM A SPORTING GOODS DISPLAY WORKED REAL GOOD!
HEY! CUT IT OUT! THAT HURTS!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
BOUNCE!
I GIVE UP! JUST DON'T BOUNCE ME AROUND ANYMORE -- PLEASE!
YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY BACK TO JAIL. NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN BEAT! THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN GET OUT OF IT, SO PLEASE DON'T DRAG YOUR FEET!
OH YEH? WELL, I'LL GET OUT AGAIN SOME-HOW! YOU JUST WAIT!
THE END

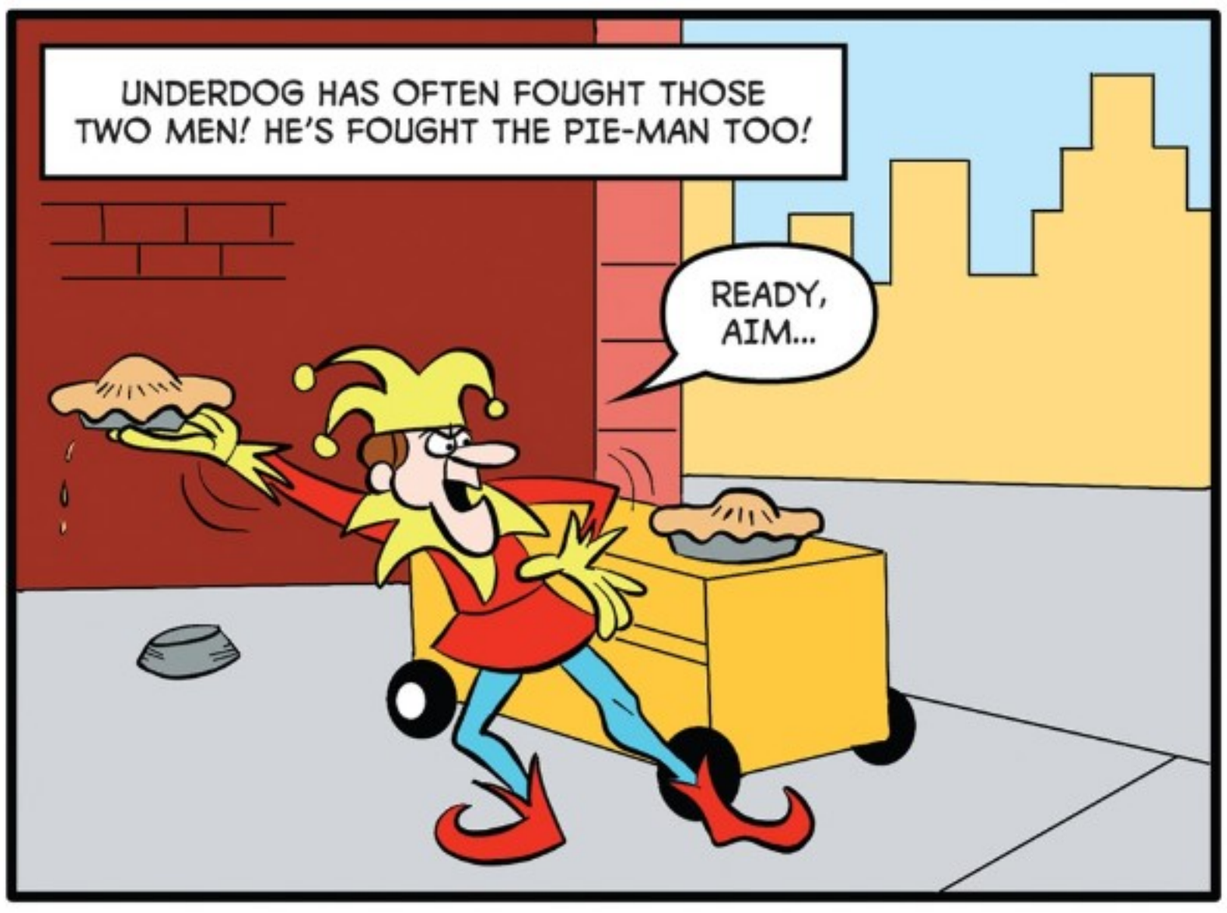
"DOG'S WORST ENEMY"

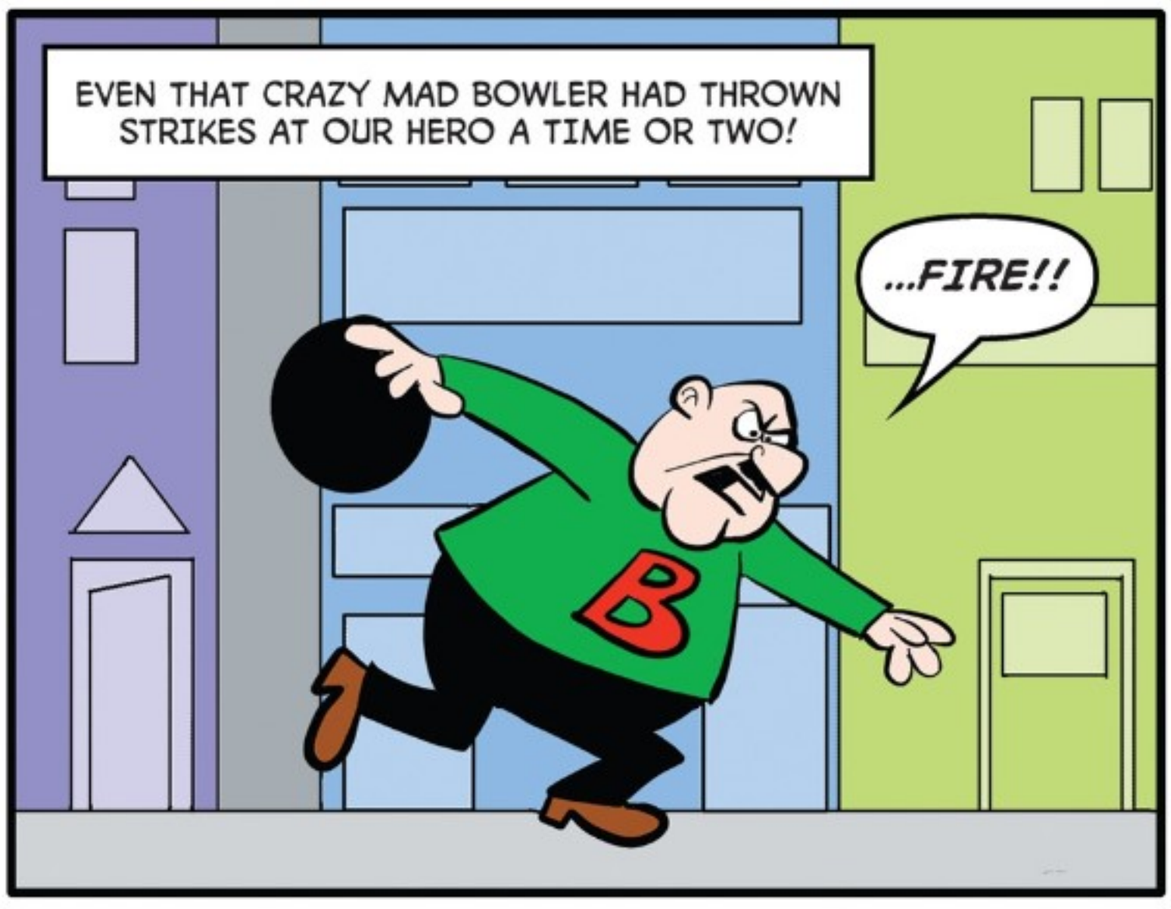
I'VE FOUGHT A LOT OF MONSTERS, BUT THIS ONE IS REALLY ROUGH!

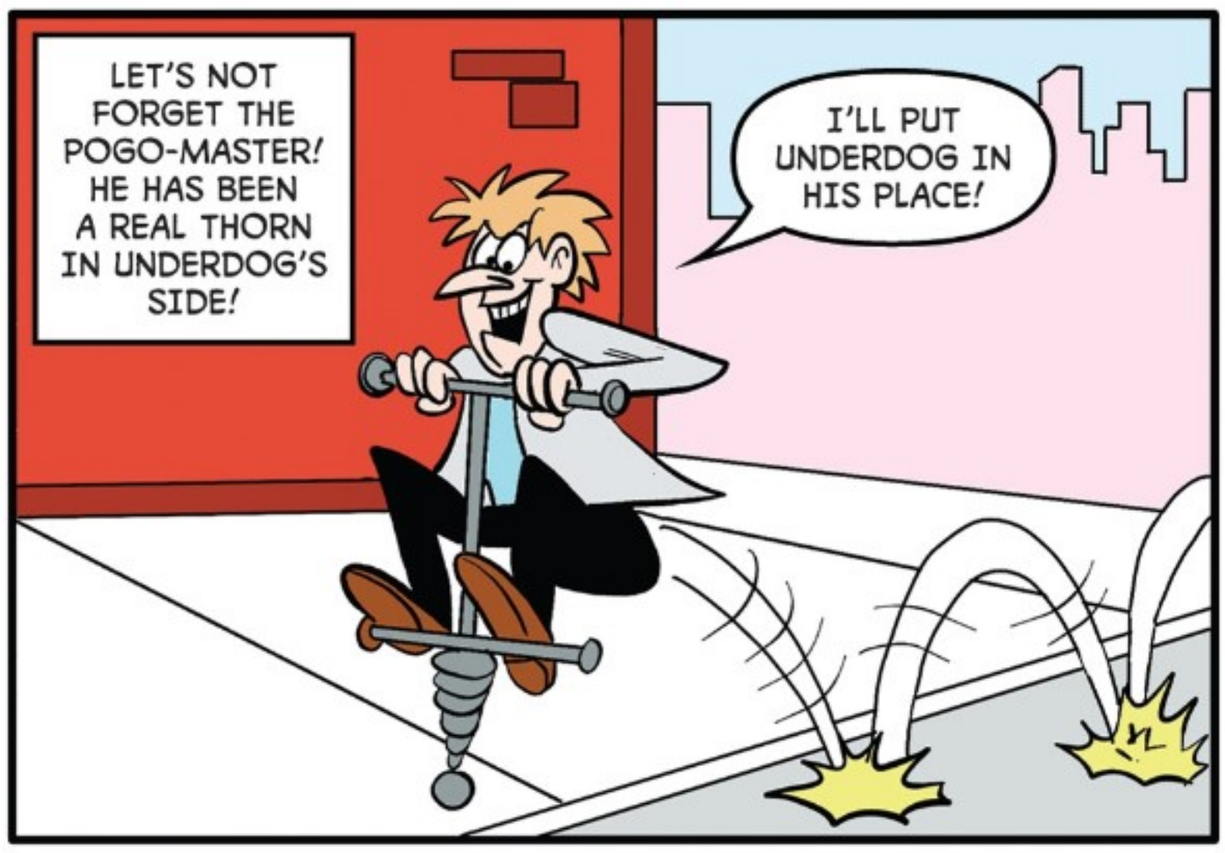
I'VE HIT HIM AND HIT HIM, AND HE STILL HASN'T HAD ENOUGH!



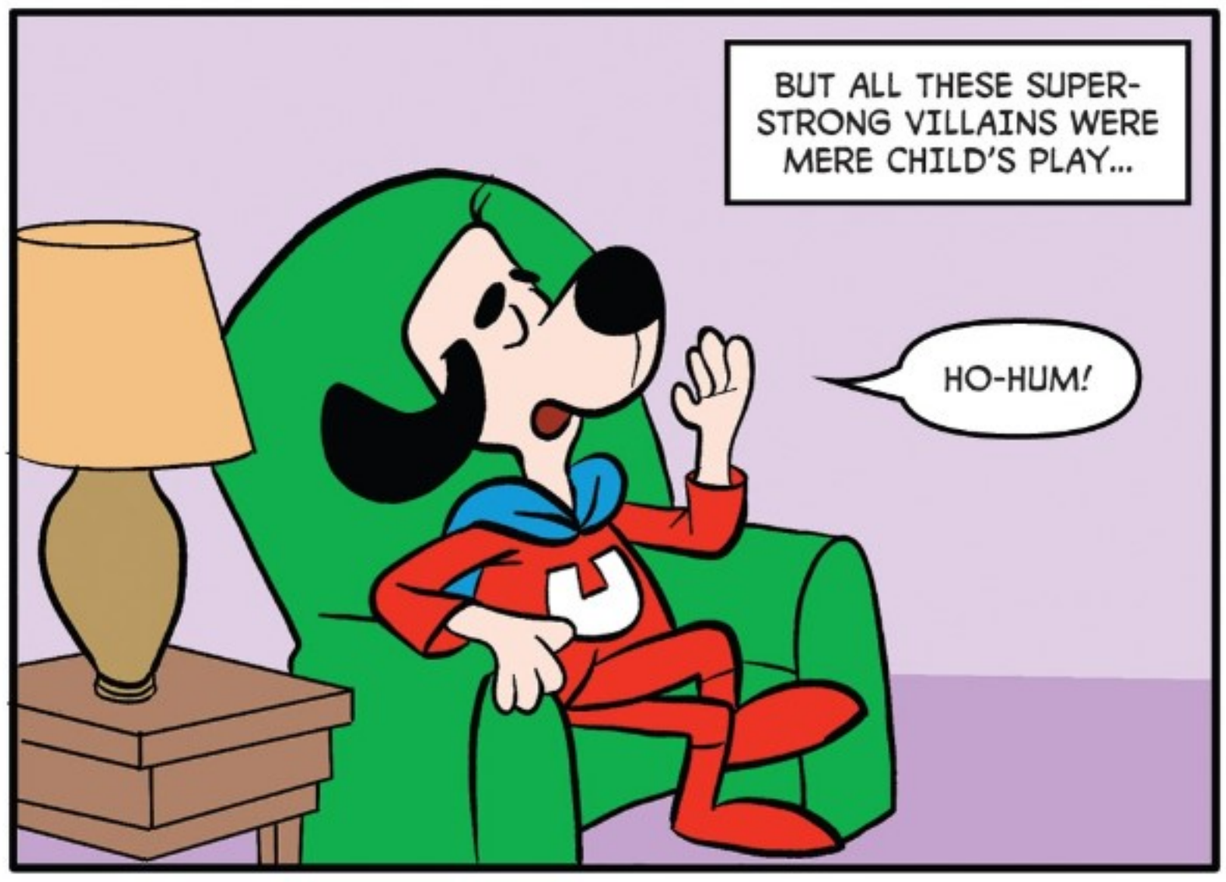


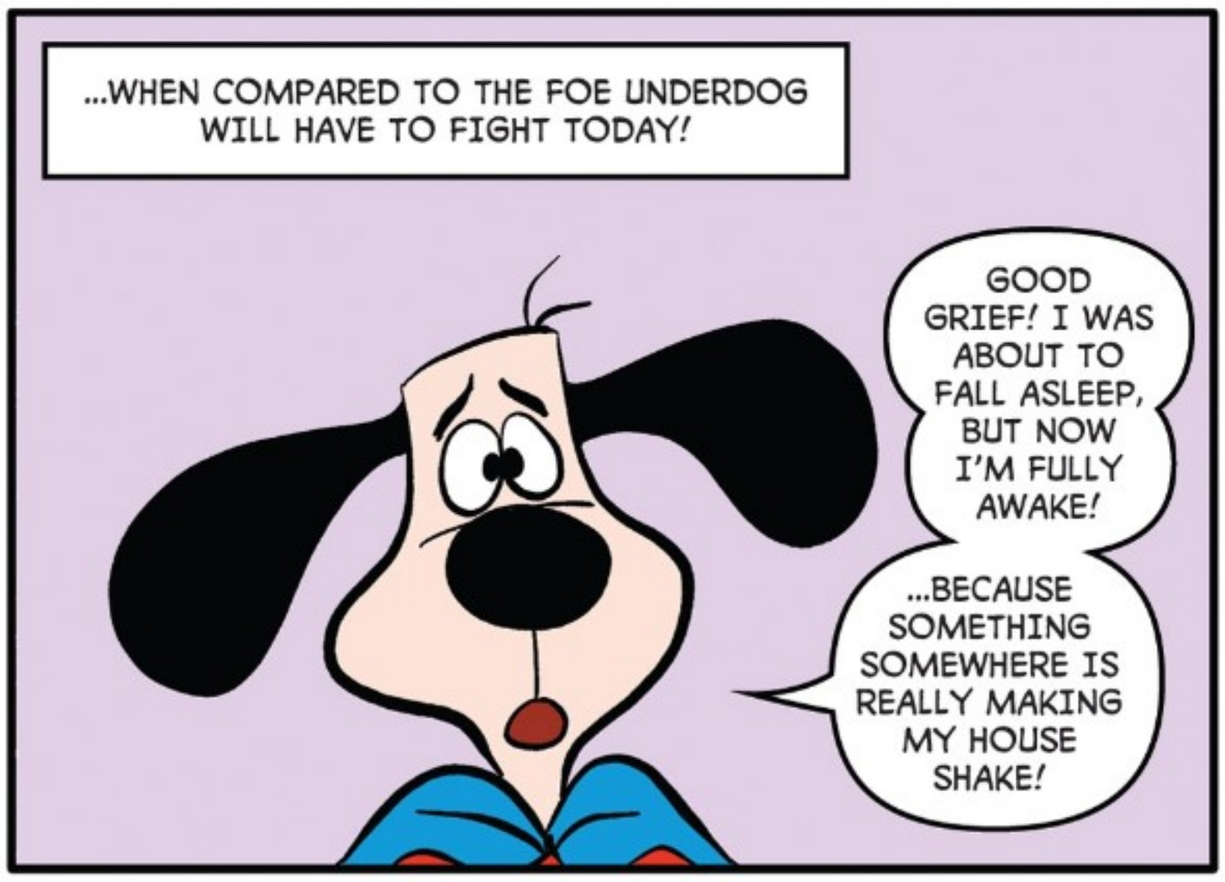


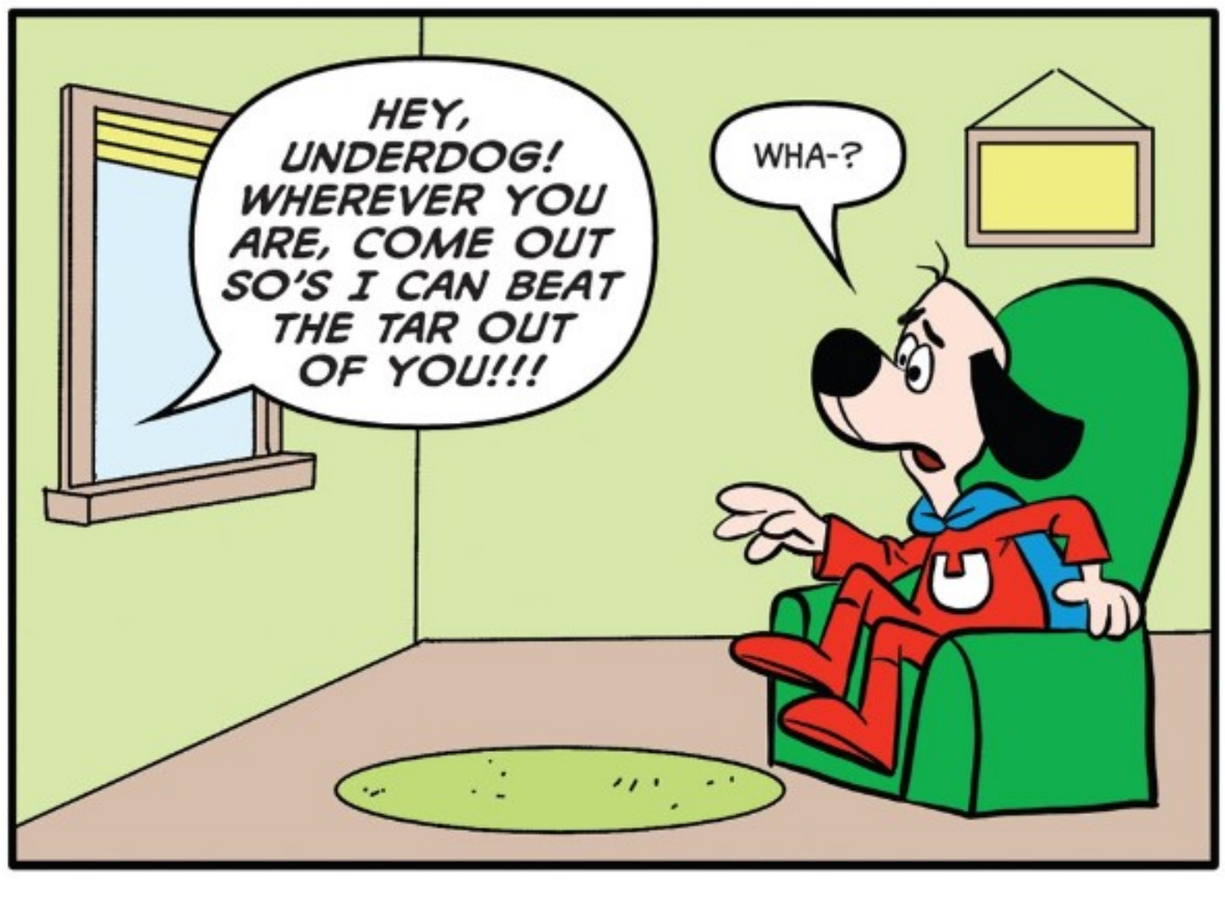



LET'S NOT FORGET THE POGO-MASTER! HE HAS BEEN A REAL THORN IN UNDERDOG'S SIDE!
I'LL PUT UNDERDOG IN HIS PLACE!

AND HOW EXACTLY TO DEFEAT THE SODA JERK OUR HERO HAS OFTEN HAD TO DECIDE!
I'LL SPRAY HIM RIGHT IN THE FACE!

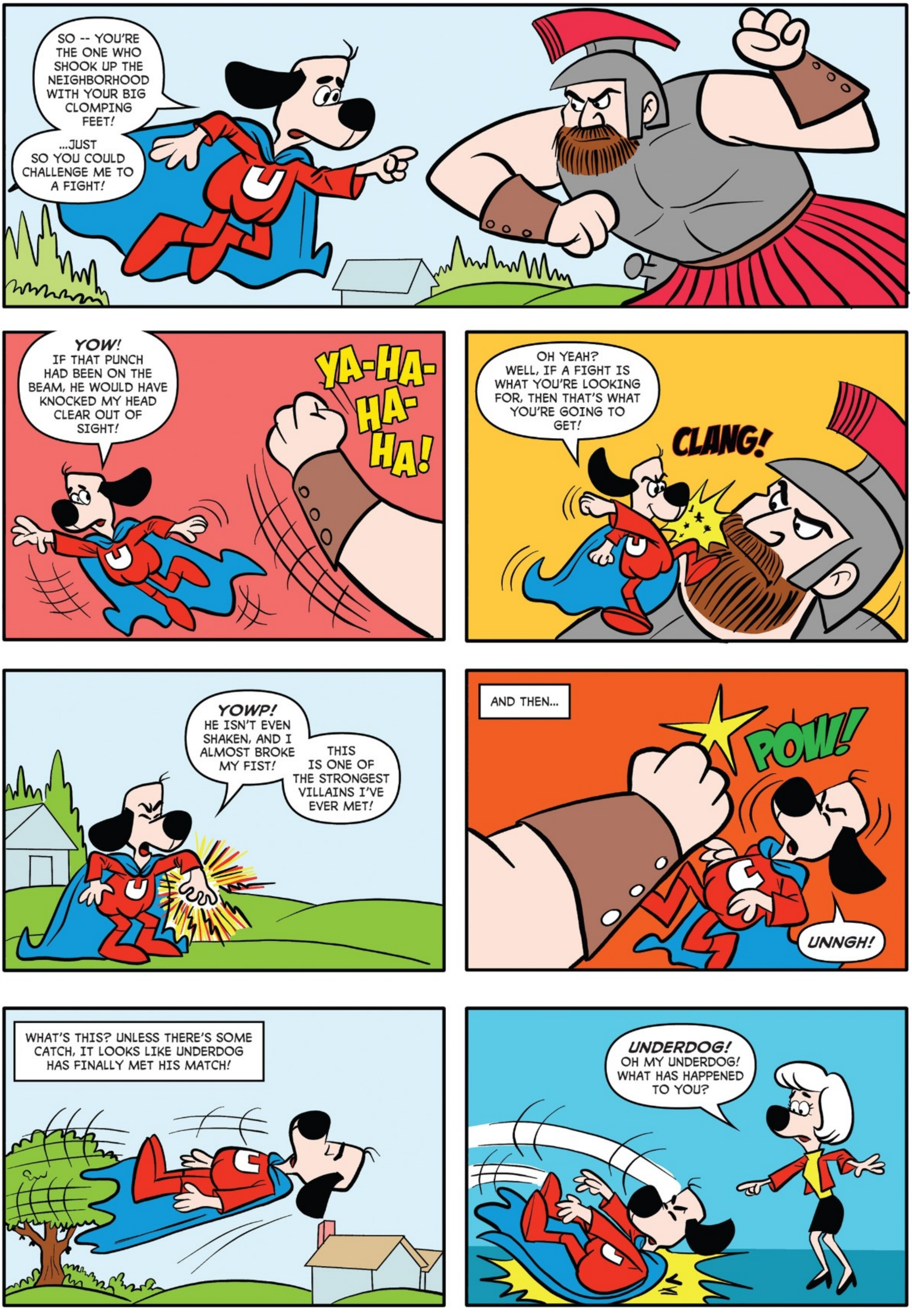

BUT ALL THESE SUPER-STRONG VILLAINS WERE MERE CHILD'S PLAY...
HO-HUM!


...WHEN COMPARED TO THE FOE UNDERDOG WILL HAVE TO FIGHT TODAY!
GOOD GRIEF! I WAS ABOUT TO FALL ASLEEP, BUT NOW I'M FULLY AWAKE!
...BECAUSE SOMETHING SOMEWHERE IS REALLY MAKING MY HOUSE SHAKE!


HEY, UNDERDOG! WHEREVER YOU ARE, COME OUT SO'S I CAN BEAT THE TAR OUT OF YOU!!!
WHA-?

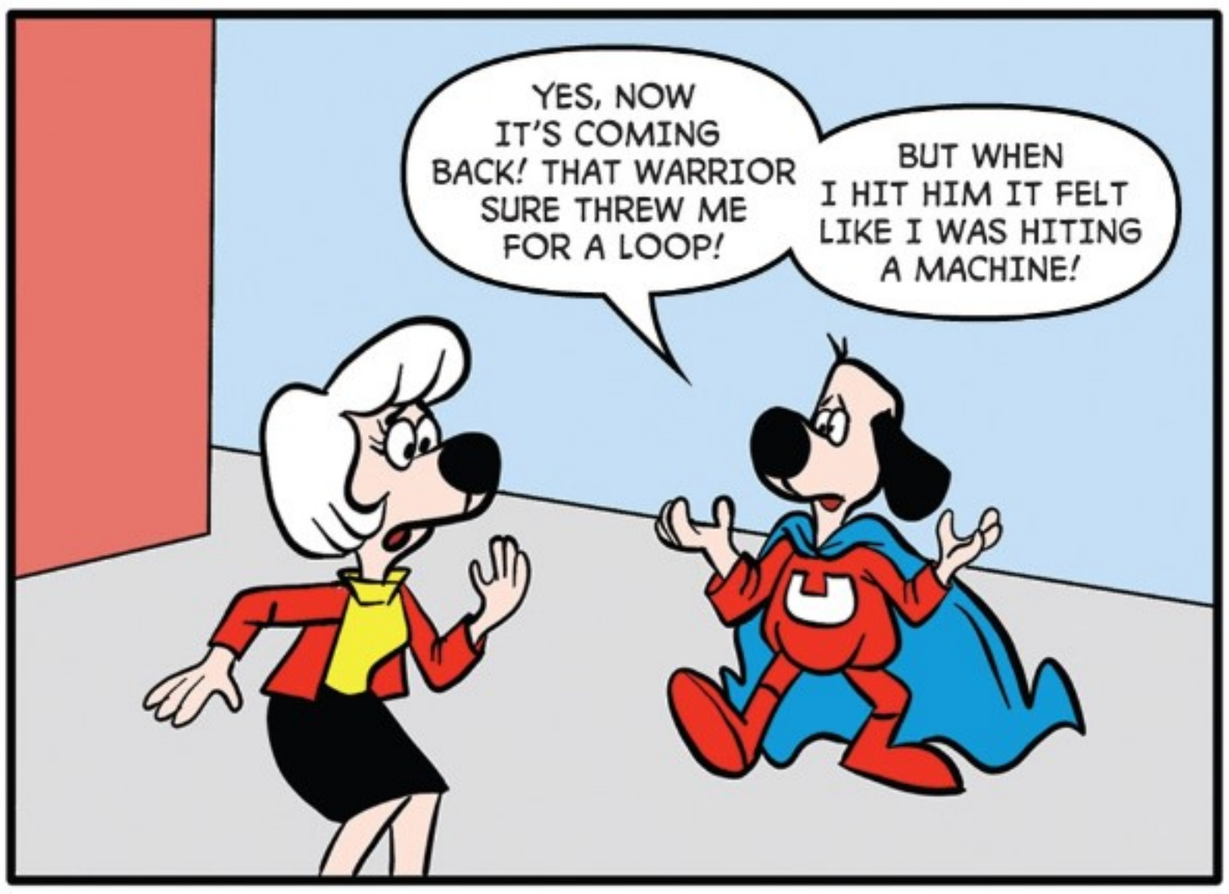
IF SOMEONE'S GOING TO CHALLENGE ME, I THINK HE OUGHT TO DO IT TO MY FACE!

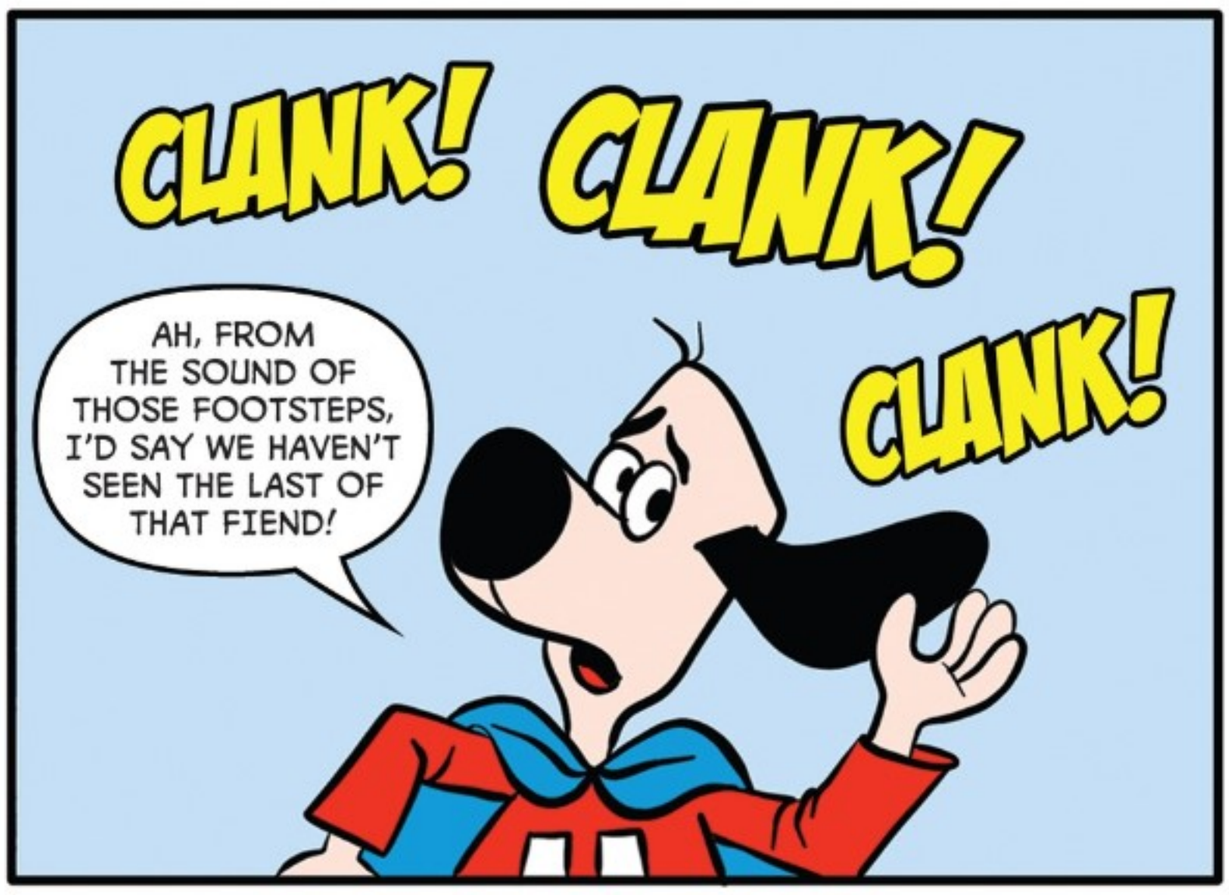
AH! THERE'S THE LOUD-MOUTH WHO SHOUTED!
HE'S BIG BUT I'LL PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE!


SO -- YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOOK UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH YOUR BIG CLOMPING FEET!
...JUST SO YOU COULD CHALLENGE ME TO A FIGHT!
YOW! IF THAT PUNCH HAD BEEN ON THE BEAM, HE WOULD HAVE KNOCKED MY HEAD CLEAR OUT OF SIGHT!
YA-HA-HA-HA!
OH YEAH? WELL, IF A FIGHT IS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, THEN THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET!
CLANG!
YOWP! HE ISN'T EVEN SHAKEN, AND I ALMOST BROKE MY FIST!
THIS IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST VILLAINS I'VE EVER MET!
AND THEN...
POW!
UNNGH!
WHAT'S THIS? UNLESS THERE'S SOME CATCH, IT LOOKS LIKE UNDERDOG HAS FINALLY MET HIS MATCH!
UNDERDOG! OH MY UNDERDOG! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU?

UNDERDOG, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? YOU'VE NEVER ACTED THIS QUIET BEFORE!
OOOOOOO...

SW-SWEET POLLY, WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DO I FEEL LIKE SUCH A STUPE!?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER, MY UNDERDOG?

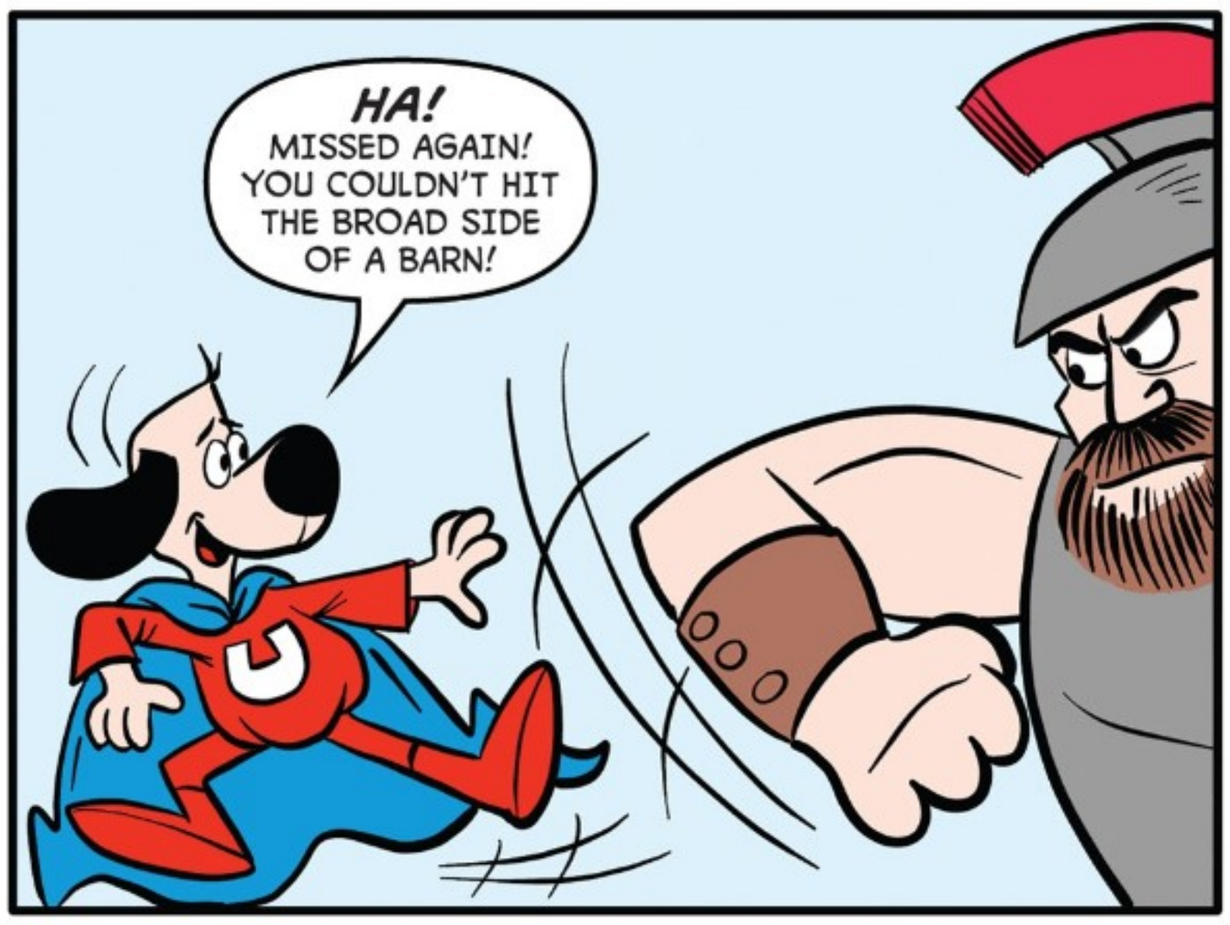

YES, NOW IT'S COMING BACK! THAT WARRIOR SURE THREW ME FOR A LOOP!
BUT WHEN I HIT HIM IT FELT LIKE I WAS HITING A MACHINE!


CLANK!
CLANK!
CLANK!
AH, FROM THE SOUND OF THOSE FOOTSTEPS, I'D SAY WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THAT FIEND!

I'LL DEFEAT HIM THIS TIME! ANYWAY, I'VE GOT A PLAN THAT I HOPE WILL WORK!
AFTER ALL, I CAN'T LET THAT IRON-PLATED WARRIOR MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A JERK!
GOOD LUCK, MY UNDERDOG!

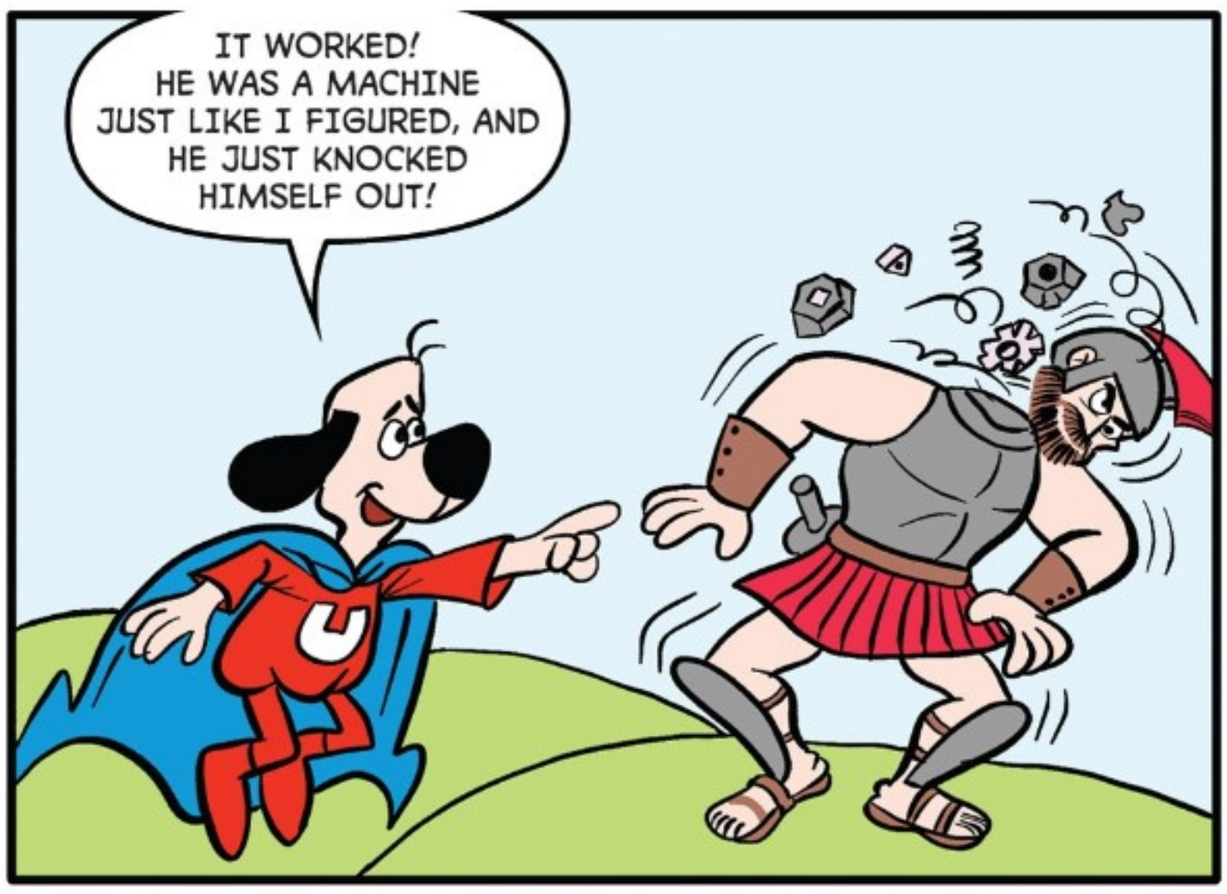
HI THERE, BIG FELLA! YOU HIT ME ONCE, BUT I BET YOU CAN'T DO IT AGAIN!
I'LL HIT YOU!

HA! MISSED! SO YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO HIT ME! MY ONLY QUESTION IS -- WHEN?

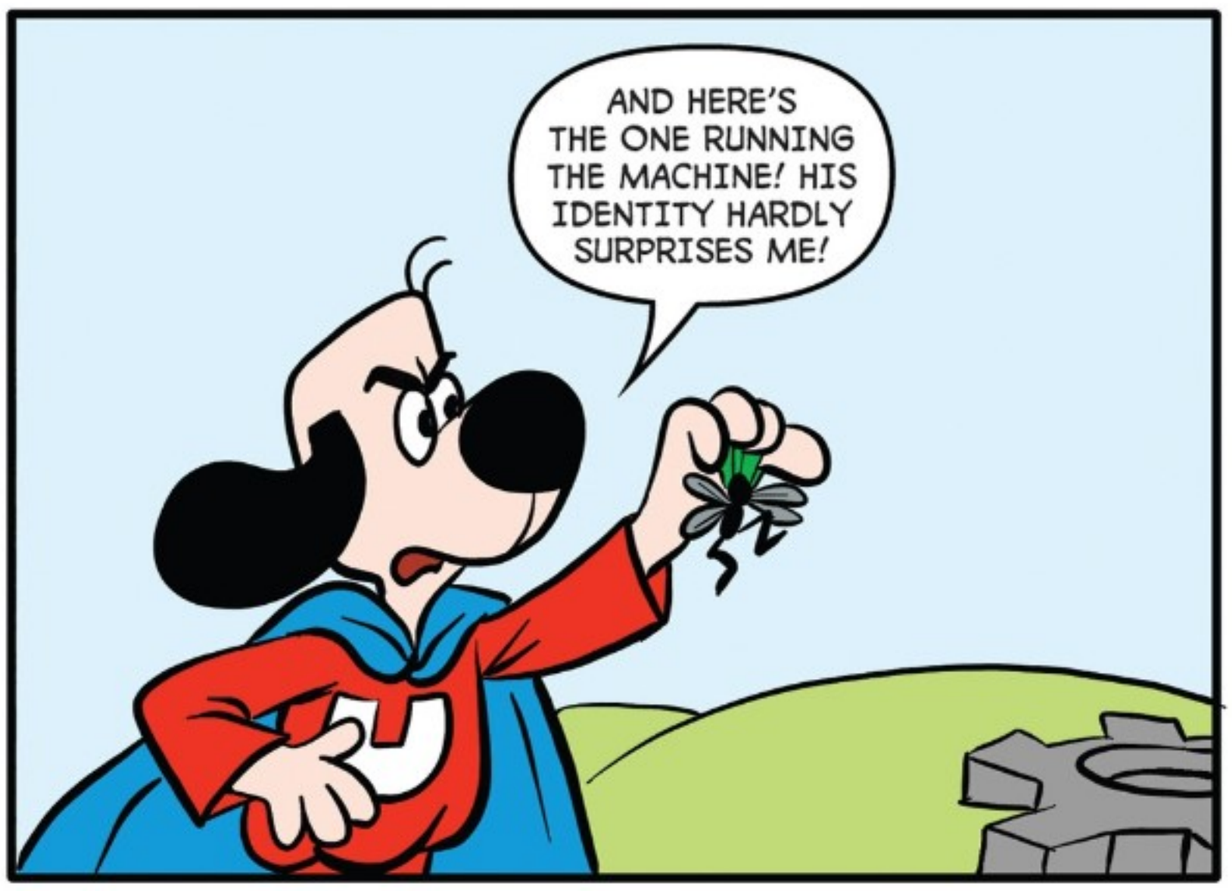

HA! MISSED AGAIN! YOU COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN!

HERE I AM, YOU SILLY FOOL! NOW TRY TO DO ME SOME HARM!

SMRASH!


IT WORKED! HE WAS A MACHINE JUST LIKE I FIGURED, AND HE JUST KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT!

AND NOW TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS MESS WAS REALLY ALL ABOUT!


AND HERE'S THE ONE RUNNING THE MACHINE! HIS IDENTITY HARDLY SURPRISES ME!

AFTER ALL, A DOG'S WORST ENEMY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT LOWLY INSECT, THE FLEA!
HEY, LET GO OF ME! PUT ME DOWN, YOU BIG BULLY! PUT ME DOWN!
THE END